

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 8, replace the paragraphs beginning on line 25 through line 29 with the following amended paragraphs:

Fig. [[20a]]21a is a front view (a partially sectional view) of another example of the plate-type-cartridge element of the fourth embodiment.

Fig. [[20b]]21b is a front view (a partially sectional view) of another example of the plate-type-cartridge element of the fourth embodiment.

Page 11, replace the paragraph beginning on line 6 with the following amended paragraph:

The guiding members 12 and the rails 13 are coupled by the coupling devices 14 that are inserted through the inclined elliptic holes 12a and the connecting holes 13a. The rails 13 have a sliding member 16, which has more than one opening 16a ~~to be inserted into which~~ the plate-type cartridge elements 15 are to be inserted. More than one (in this embodiment, three) plate-type cartridge elements 15 are inserted in the openings 16a that are made on the sliding member 16. The plate-type cartridge elements 15 are supported by the rails 13 with the sliding member 16 and installed between the rails 13.

Page 14, replace the paragraph beginning on line 31 through page 15, line 2 with the following amended paragraph:

As shown in Fig. 12, the duct 32 is closed at one end and the other end has an opening [[33b]]32b. The duct 32 communicates with a purified-air chamber 34, which extends vertically through the opening [[33b]]32b, and through a curved duct 35 that is

located at the lower part of the purified-air chamber 34. The curved duct 35 communicates with a blower 36, which is an air-suctioning means. In the purified-air chamber 34, pulse-jet mechanisms 37 are furnished on more than one row (three rows in this embodiment), and each nozzle 37a of the pulse-jet mechanisms 37 is located facing the opening [[33b]]32b of the duct 32.

Page 24, delete the ABSTRACT in its entirety.